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**GOOD HANDS** - Didsbury Dragons post James Lefebvre has the ball knocked out of his hand by an Innisfail Cyclones defender during CESAA senior varsity basketball playoff action last week. The Dragons easily handled the Cyclones and moved into Monday night's league championship match against Hugh Sutherland of Carstairs. A full recap of the game and the drive towards the zone 2A finals that the DHS squad hosts will be in next week's *Didsbury Review*.

## Groups petition FCSS funding shut out

*Didsbury preschool, Inspiring Change face tough decisions after grants reduced*

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
*Review Staff*

Abused women may lose critical support in Didsbury after a funding board turned down the request to finance local programs.

Andrea Silverstone, executive director for Inspiring Change, Peer Supports for Abused Women, was shocked last week

as the Community Services Board denied the organization over \$13,000 in requested grant dollars.

The money was going to keep the momentum on local programs, such as high school courses and support groups for victims of domestic violence.

"It doesn't make any sense to me at all ... I am very, very upset," Silverstone said.

The Community Services Board - which includes Coun. Gayle Veno and FCSS director Jolene Leutschaft - reviewed 10 applications with requests for over \$70,000 in funding. They submitted a report to town council last Tuesday on how to divvy up Didsbury Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) monies.

FCSS received \$101, 609 from the

provincial government this year; \$2,000 more than it got in 2009. Half of the amount will go towards community groups decided on by the Community Services Board and town council. The rest of the dollars, including a contribution of almost \$50,000 from the town, will cover FCSS operational costs.

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# Naismith made torch

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Didsbury's Wally Naismith gave torchbearers something to hold during the Calgary 1988 Winter Olympics.

Twenty-two years ago, his employer - Volk Precision Industries - won the contract to produce the metal work on 50 Olympic torches. He made the first one off the line.

"We were making military missile noses and oil and gas machine parts when we started doing this ... it was a huge thrill," Naismith said.

"I definitely felt pride for being part of the Olympics."

Naismith was the supervisor for the computer program that would control the machines carving out the metal work for the Calgary tower replicas. He had to make sure the machines would make each piece - lid, ball and body - perfectly.

"I didn't want us to wreck these torches ... so I made the first one of stainless steel. My son, Robert sawed off the first piece for the lid and my other boy, Frank, cleaned the shop," he said.

"We all worked together to finish the first torch."

Other companies created the casts and fashioned the wooden handle, then

the pieces were sent to Volk Precision with the RCMP, to be finished.

"The RCMP would count every one of those casted bodies and we'd have to give each one back, finished, even if we broke the cast to pieces," Naismith said.

"Fortunately we didn't



WALLY NAISMITH

screw up."

It took the company just a few weeks to finish their contribution to the Olympics and as they shipped off the last of the torches, Naismith took the original stainless steel piece home.

He was living with his wife in Calgary when the torchbearers jogged past him towards the Calgary cauldron. He held his own torch high and waved it from the sidewalk.

"It was special to have my own torch ... even now I feel a connection to the Olympics, for sure," he said.

He wanted to wave the torch at this year's torch parade in Olds, but forgot it on his living room wall as he raced out of the house to join the crowd.

A few weeks later, he donated the stainless steel work to the Mountain View Museum. It will be there in the Olympic display until mid-March.

"This is huge for the heritage of our area. A man from Didsbury made this torch ... the first one before the torches went into mass production," said Michael Dougherty, manager of the museum.

"I am not sure how many Canadian-made torches have this personal a connection."



Photo by Murray Elliott/Didsbury Review  
Michael Dougherty, manager of Mountain View Museum, shows off the first Olympic torch to come off the line at Volk Precision Industries in 1988.

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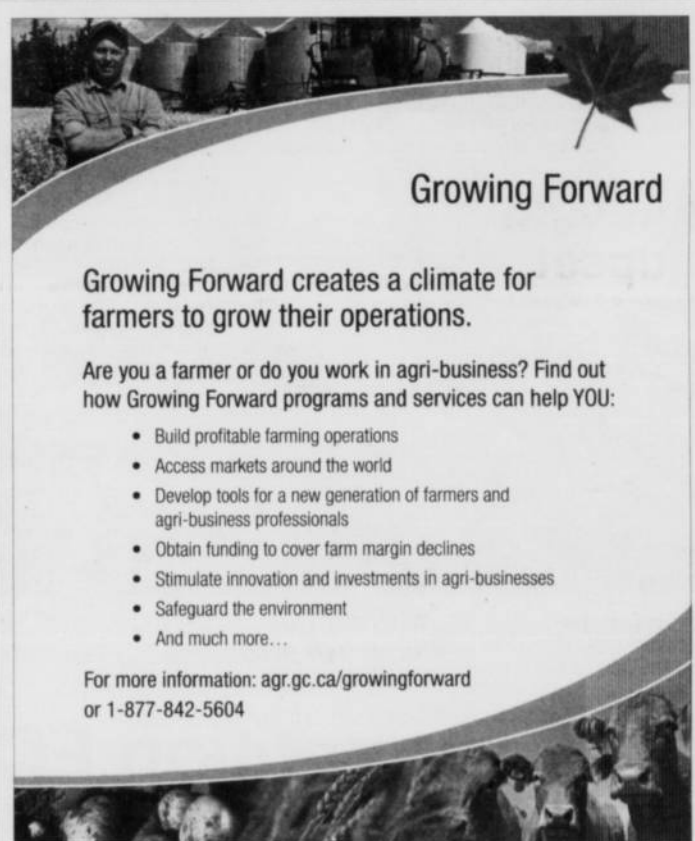
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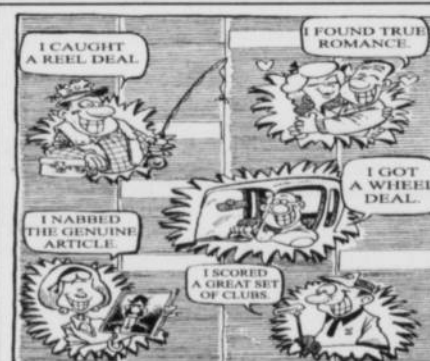
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# Children visit orphans overseas

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Fourteen children pulled from school this April, won't be racing across sandy beaches or surfing warm waters.

They'll be helping their parents run a vacation Bible camp for an orphanage in Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic.

"I think it's going to be so cool. We get to go and help out as a family; that isn't a chance we'd usually have," said Thomas Budd, 12.

"I'm really looking forward to it."

The group, made up of two Olds families and two Didsbury, head off April 4 to 11 to work with nearly 40 children at the Dominican Republic

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GLENN SEARS  
parent

Orphanage Outreach.

"We'll be these English speaking folks trying to run a Bible school to a group of Spanish speaking kids ... it should be interesting," said Glenn Sears, chuckling.

They have been getting speedy Spanish lessons every Sunday night and know enough to greet their pupils and run through their names - there's still a lot to learn.

Sears said he's looking forward to the challenge and especially to experiencing it with his family.

"The whole reason we are doing a short-term mission trip like this is so our kids can come along. We want them to see how less fortunate families in other countries live because I really don't think they have a clue," he said.

Trevor Phipers, parent, led a mission trip to Honduras in Central America 11 years ago with a youth group and said seeing how another culture lived changed everyone's worldview.

He wants the Dominican

Republic trip to do the same for his children.

Before the group packs their bags, they will be holding a fundraiser March 5 at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church to raise extra funds. The Didsbury mission family plans on taking down supplies to Monte Cristi orphans.

The men's quartet, Father Like Son, will open the event, while event goers bid at the silent auction or look to purchase cakes - all of which were made by men, the ladies of the group are quick to point out.

Door prizes will also be handed out, with three sets of tickets to fly anywhere return with West Jet up for grabs. Admission is by donation, 7 p.m. this Friday.

## Town workers get pay hike

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

The annual salary of town employees could be going up this year.

At last week's annual budget meeting, administration recommended council increase salary by

\$1,000 for full-time employees and \$450 for part-time.

The request stunned Gail Nowlan, who recently saw five jobs axed to support this year's tight budget.

"We can do this even when we did ... the reorganization?" she asked.

Roy Brown, chief administrative officer for the Town of Didsbury, said the town could not afford to pay employees more if it had not fired five last month. And the pay increases will help retain those still working for the municipality.

"We have to be on par

with other municipalities if we want our employees to stay," he said, adding it could cost two times the hike to retrain new hires.

Council agreed to the increase, but a formal decision won't be made until a town council meeting.

## Funding upset

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Elected officials agreed, Feb. 23 with the board's decision to provide funding to several community groups, such as DOSCA, Heroes/H2 Program, Mountain View Community Literacy Society and Chinook's Edge School Division. Inspiring Change and Didsbury Preschool received nothing.

It was a huge blow organizers said. They plan on petitioning the decision later this month.

"I'm surprised ... we definitely need the money. Forty per cent of our clients are from Didsbury," said Trina Lonsberry, a facilitator with Inspiring Change.

The board advised against giving the Calgary-based organization money, concerned dollars wouldn't go toward Didsbury projects.

Though, "the board would like to see a program like this developed for the rural communities of Mountain View County," it wrote in its report to council.

But the programming is already here, Lonsberry said.

Inspiring Change has been operating in Didsbury for a year. It's joined Didsbury's Active Creative Engaged Communities program, operated self-esteem workshops, counselled abused women one on one and educated students.

In fact, Lonsberry is about to start an eight-week program at Didsbury High school to make teens more aware of violence in relationships, cyber bullying and sexting.

"I will have taught 90 students by the end of the (school) year ... and they are really embracing the program," she said.

"They don't know what

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CHERRY CRAWFORD  
teacher

to do when their boyfriend says he'll kill himself if she leaves, or if they see someone pushing a woman around. This program gives them those skills."

But the high school program and workshops for abused women are in jeopardy of folding in this community without funding, Silverstone added.

The organization is not mandated to provide services to communities in Mountain View County if a town doesn't show it supports the program.

Olds FCSS gave Inspiring Change over \$12,000 and Cremona contributed \$4,000 to

keep the initiative running in their towns.

"It's unfortunate that we may not be able to offer programs (in Didsbury) because of some misinformation," Silverstone said of the board's reason to deny funding.

Last September, seven participants from Didsbury participated in a six-week self-esteem program. Four Didsbury women have also made the trip to Olds to participate in peer support groups and six clients are getting one-on-one counselling from the non-profit.

"This is a wonderful service. We've never had peer support in our rural communities. As far as healing and recovering these women had to go to other communities," said Roberta Hammer, program coordinator for Chinook Arch Victim Services.

Chinook Arch, which helps abused women through the criminal justice system, has referred 25-30 women to Inspiring Change for therapy in the last year.

"From our point of view, this is really, really helpful and I'd be saddened to see us lose the program completely," Hammer said.

Didsbury's Preschool could also be looking at tough decisions this year after FCSS denied it \$4,188 in funding.

The not for profit preschool was counting on FCSS grants, as it always does, to keep fees low for parents and the burden of fundraising off the backs

of clients. This latest move will put the group in the red.

"It never occurred to me that we'd never get it ... without the money we are \$4,000 short of our budget. Period," said Cherry Crawford, teacher.

The board traditionally only gives a boost to non-profits until they can support themselves financially, said Jolene Leutschaft, FCSS director.

The Didsbury Preschool has been relying on FCSS for the last 20 years and the board said it believes the group will "do fine going out on their own."

Crawford disagrees. She said that some of their fundraisers this year have flopped and they need the money.

"I have been here for 12 years and not once have they told us we need to be self-sustainable ... and I can't find anything in the FCSS policy that says that either," Crawford said.

The preschool will appeal the decision not to give funds, but if the verdict stands, Crawford is concerned it will mean raising fees.

Parents are paying \$70 a month for the two day a week program, and are facing a \$5 increase next year.

They may not be able to afford another one, Crawford said.

"And you want kids to be able to come here. We can spot learning disabilities or speech problems so these kids get the extra help and are ready for the school system," she said.

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# Opinion

## Editorial Tired drivers deserve same penalty as impaired ones

DAN SINGLETON



The provincial government is renewing efforts to make sure all Alberta drivers know the dangers and risks of fatigued driving — with the end goal being to make roads and highways safer for everyone.

As with other public awareness campaigns, this latest undertaking will probably only achieve its full measure of success if drivers take it upon themselves to learn about the dangers and to take those dangers seriously.

If all too many drivers, on the other hand, continue to ignore the warning signs, the end result will no doubt be more avoidable road and highway crashes, some minor and some much more serious.

While it may at first sound surprising, Alberta Transportation officials say driving when you are tired can actually be just as dangerous as drunk driving.

"Driving while extremely tired can make you a road hazard," says Transportation Minister Luke Ouellette. "It is as dangerous as impaired driving because it slows a driver's reaction time, decreases awareness and impairs judgment in a way similar to alcohol or drugs."

Alberta Transportation says while a lack of sleep is the most common form of drowsy driving, there are other factors that can also lead to driver fatigue, including driving long distances alone or without rest breaks, and driving through the night or at times when the driver normally sleeps.

As well, some medications can increase sleepiness; contributing, in turn, to driver fatigue and resulting problems behind the wheel.

While any driver can be susceptible to tired driving, statistics show that drivers most at risk include shift workers, commercial drivers, people with untreated sleep disorders, and teenagers and young adults.

As well, the province says fatigue-related crashes are common in young drivers because they tend to stay up late, sleep less than they should, and drive more often at night.

No one wants to see Alberta roads and highways become more dangerous; in fact, the opposite is certainly true for the vast majority of drivers, including those in West Central Alberta.

Hopefully the province and other stakeholders will be able to convince drivers of all ages that operating a motor vehicle when fatigued poses a real danger that is avoidable in all cases.

Then again, that same safety message has been preached about drunk driving for many years and yet all too many drivers continue to ignore their responsibility to drive sober.

Maybe it's time for the federal and provincial governments to get together and make the penalties for fatigued driving as severe as those for impaired driving?

With any luck this new awareness campaign and other related efforts will make such a drastic move unnecessary.



## Commentary

### Change needed for Alberta's electoral system

SCOTT HENNIG

Our democratic institutions have lost their lustre. Dreadfully low voter turnout, a disengaged public and an unhealthy apathy are now considered the norm. Albertans need to take back our democracy from our politicians and demand access to the legislatively protected, democratic tools necessary to stay engaged, informed and effective. Moreover, we need to feel relevant as participants, rather than mere spectators.

To accomplish this, Alberta needs to embrace the further enfranchisement of its citizens with tools such as citizens' initiative, fixed-election dates, recall and, perhaps, complete voting reform.

To be sure, Albertans have been blessed to live in a society that holds regular elections without the fear of physical threat. Yet practices need to be refurbished. We didn't stop when only white, male landowners had the vote. It was rightfully extended to women, then aboriginals.

As it currently stands, the extent of our democratic action for most involves spending five minutes to drive to your local school or community hall once every 1,460 days to mark a ballot. "Participants" for one day, "spectators" for the next four years.

Undoubtedly, some will suggest that if people can't be bothered even to do that one simple act, why should we consider empowering apathetic, uninformed people to make more important decisions?

The question becomes one of the chicken and the egg. Did apathy break the current system, or did a broken system cause the apathy? Will people become more engaged if they are allowed to recall their MLAs, launch and participate in referendums or know their vote will count?

Of course, simply increasing voter turnout should not be the only goal. Citizens need to know their participation matters.

Few politicians want to give up the power to make decisions, despite polls showing the vast majority of Albertans want access to both the citizens' initiative and recall. A 2001 Environics poll indicated 79 per cent of Albertans wanted the right to be able to petition for and receive a referendum on an issue important to them. A 2006 Ipsos-Reid poll indicated 77 per cent of Albertans wanted the right to recall their politicians.

Alberta once had a citizens' initiative law. From 1913 to '58, Alberta had the Direct Legislation Act, where 20 per cent of the voters could petition the legislature to pass a proposed law. Unfortunately, the excessively high signature threshold ensured no referendums took place. According to Barry Cooper of the University of Calgary, the act was repealed after a handful of Albertans started asking questions on how the law could be used.

A similar story graces Alberta's history books when it comes to recall. Premier Aberhart's government passed the Recall Act in April 1936 and

promptly rescinded the legislation in October 1937, retroactively, when he became a target.

The lesson to be learned here is that it's not Albertans who are the impediment to greater democracy, but rather our politicians. They are both the gatekeepers of reform, and the ones who have the most to lose.

Even implementing a simple democratic reform such as fixed-election dates has been like pulling teeth in Canada, because it removes a power the government enjoys to wield. Only B.C., Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador and the Northwest Territories have taken even this minor step.

And while changing the entire voting system has largely been rejected in the few provinces that have attempted it (B.C., Ontario and P.E.I.), at least they have had the discussion. In both B.C. and Ontario, citizens' assemblies were held to take status-quo-loving politicians out of the mix.

While the results may also be rejected in Alberta, holding a citizens' assembly on democratic reform would be an exercise worth attempting.

Systemic democratic reform would not cure all ills, nor would it create perfect voter turnout, but it could breathe a whole lot of life back into Alberta's moribund democracy.

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### Didsbury North Industrial Roads and Stormwater Upgrades- Phase 1

Tender information is available at: [www.didsbury.ca](http://www.didsbury.ca)  
Please call 403-335-7358 for further inquiries.



### Didsbury History

On August 16, 1909 Bylaw No. 67 was passed by Council to fix the minimum tax for property owners. The minimum tax payable yearly by any property owner in the Municipality of Didsbury shall be (\$2.00).



### ATTENTION NEW HOME OWNERS!

#### IS YOUR HOUSE NUMBER POSTED?

As per Town of Didsbury Bylaw 2006-12 all property must have the assigned number displayed. This number is to be displayed at all times at a location plainly visible from the roadway to which the property is addressed.

If you are unsure of your property address number, please contact the Town of Didsbury at 335-3391.



### DIDSBURY

## NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

- **FULL DAY PROGRAMS for NON-SCHOOL DAYS** - Friday, March 5 and Friday, March 19 are non-teaching days. The Town of Didsbury offers Full Day Programming with activities galore to entertain your child. Cost is \$25 per child each day. Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place to register or for more information.
- **FIRST AID RECERTIFICATION** - Stay current with your First Aid, CPR and AED skills. If your current certificate is going to expire soon, you need this course in order to renew it for another 3 year period. March 6, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at DNP. Cost is \$90.00 +GST
- **MOTHERS UNITE SALE** - has been rescheduled for March 13, 2010. Tables are still available to rent. Don't miss this chance to spring clean your children's toys, clothing, furniture and make a few extra \$'s.
- **STAYING HOME ALONE** - This exciting program is for children 10-12 years old and their siblings (8-9 years old). Learn the skills necessary for staying home alone: self-care, safety & first aid, nutrition, street smarts, answering the door, answering the phone, responsibilities & self-esteem. Parent must attend first session. 6 sessions run March 17 - April 21, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm at DNP. Cost is \$40.00 first child, \$25.00 each additional child.

For more information or to register, call DNP at 403-335-8719



**Didsbury  
Recreation**

- **JULIE'S FUNKY FITNESS: Sensational Step Class** - Come work up a sweat in this super fun & energetic step aerobics class. Set to funky tunes & instructed by certified instructor Julie Steed. A chance to get together with friendly fitness folk and burn off some of those unwanted calories. Open to all ages and abilities. Mondays and Thursdays 7:00 to 8:00 pm. January 7 to March 25, 2010 Westglen School Gymnasium. Drop in \$5.00 / 10 Pass \$45.00. Bring a towel, comfortable shoes, water, an exercise mat & weights if available.
- **CALGARY ROUGHNECKS LACROSSE CAMP:** This two day camp will teach lacrosse players from skills on and off the pitch to training drills and nutrition tips. Participants will learn valuable lessons and have a fantastic fun time with the Riggers themselves. April 17 - 18, 2010 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Spaces limited to 30 per session.  
Tyke/Novice/Atom (6-10 yrs old) - 9:00 am-12:00 pm ( \$60.00)  
PeeWee/Bantam/Midget(11-17 yrs old) - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (\$60.00)

For more information or to register please call the Pool at 403-335-7359

## Share Your Vision!

The Town of Didsbury is hosting a public engagement session open to all residents and stakeholders of Didsbury. Participants will be encouraged to share their ideas for the redevelopment of the lands located east of the CPR rail lines and along 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue coming into the community. This is your opportunity to let us know your vision. Come be a part of the future of Didsbury.

Date: March 23, 2010

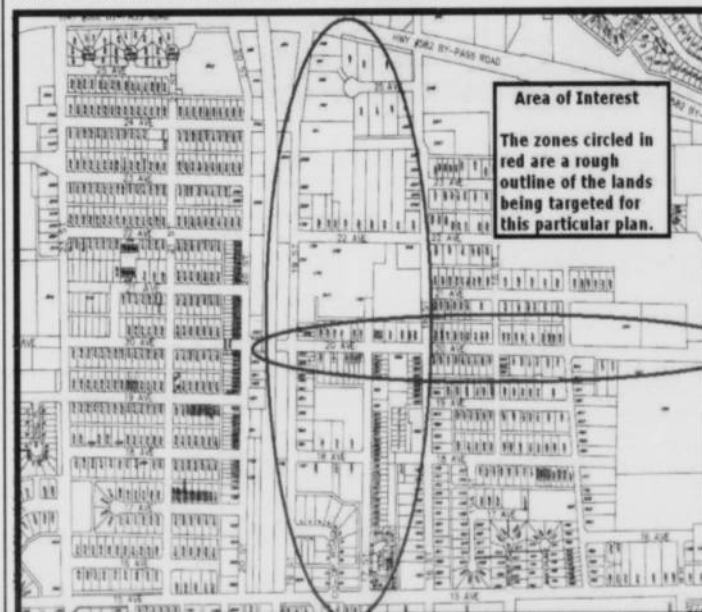
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Didsbury Multi - Purpose Room (Recreation Centre)

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [planning@didsbury.ca](mailto:planning@didsbury.ca) or call 403-335-7351.

Check our website for more information: [www.didsbury.ca](http://www.didsbury.ca)

Sandwiches, snacks and beverages will be provided.



# Charity looks to farm new plot

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Years after farmers started the Rosebud Community Grow Project, they've run out of land to seed.

The group has been raising crops on the hillside above the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church for the last six years and making an event out of harvest time. It's all for a good cause – but this year the affair has to move.

Last September, spectators gathered in the scorching heat to celebrate an end to the year-long project and watch with interest as five combines worked in concert to harvest 8,000 bushels of barley.

The money raised from the harvest went – as it always does – to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, an organization that sends food aid overseas.

Since the project started in 2004, they've raised \$101,256, which has been matched fourfold by the federal government.



file photo by Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

**GROWING A GIFT** – Barley is loaded for transport from one of five combines working to get a crop off the field east of Didsbury for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank last harvest.

"This is a worthy cause ... they really need our help badly overseas," said Willard Stauffer, a founder of the Rosebud grow organization.

That's not to say people in Mountain View County don't get hungry, just that

the need seems more obvious on the drought ravaged plains of some countries and slums of others, he said.

Stauffer wants to see another crop spring up for the cause this year, but the group needs land

to plant. The 100-acre plot they've been using has been sold.

"We didn't pay rent and I don't imagine it will be easy finding another contributor like we had ... that feller had a big heart to give the parcel for

free," he said.

In fact, the whole operation runs on the charity of others – from the giving of land and seed to fuel, equipment and time.

This time, however, the group believes they will need to dish out some

cash to rent land. They need to find a parcel near Didsbury or Carstairs before planting time in April and are prepared to negotiate.

"If we negotiate rent, it may mean that we can only give \$10,000 rather than \$20,000 but we feel that's still a significant amount to prevent people from going hungry," Stauffer said.

Clem Kuelker agrees.

He joined the list of volunteers at the project two years ago believing anything they could send to Canadian Foodgrains would improve the conditions of people living in Third World countries.

"My brother has told me about the need. He's spent the last 25 years as a doctor in Africa," he said.

"He has travelled all over and told me how badly children and families are affected by hunger and suppression ... I wanted to do my part to help, so here I am."

For more information about the organization or its need for land, call Willard Stauffer at 335-3715 or Clem Kuelker, 335-3667.

## Town puzzles over province's funding gaps

Counties see MSI grants rocket as towns get less

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Town officials are demanding an explanation from the province over gaps in funding they say are unfair and peculiar.

Roy Brown, chief financial officer for the Town of Didsbury, said municipalities lost hundreds of thousands in Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding this year, while counties gained. He wants to know why.

"I know funding is based

on a formula but what doesn't make sense is that counties are getting so much more than municipalities. It's very peculiar," Brown said.

This year the town was supposed to get its first full installment of MSI – about 1.35 million – as part of a 10-year consistent funding agreement. Instead the municipality received \$926,859 from government, as the province dealt with its own budget pressures.

The latest MSI contribution was also supposed to cover the loss of the Alberta

Municipal Infrastructure Program (AMIP), which ended this year – but now does barely that.

A funding shortfall and the absence of AMIP has put the municipality at a 22 per cent loss over 2009.

The impact has already been felt by the town, which fired five employees and suggested a 3.5 per cent tax increase. Council also agreed at the Feb. 22 budget meeting that fewer dollars would be spent on road construction and facility planning in 2010 than in years past.

Initially council said it wasn't "terribly upset" about the funding. It understood the province only had so much to dole out. Then councillors saw a report sent to them by the Town of Innisfail that showed counties in Central Alberta are getting way more in MSI funds than their urban counterparts.

The news has councillors demanding an explanation. They are planning to bring up the gaps between county and town funding at an MLA roundtable, April 16.

"I am not one of (Mayor Dave) Bronconnier's biggest supporters ... but maybe he has something after all," Brown said.

"As our funding goes down, the counties' goes up. Yes times are tough, but we still want to be treated fairly."

Didsbury is getting 78 per cent less than Mountain View County, which saw a 9.3 per cent increase in funding despite the loss of AMIP. Clearwater County experienced the largest increase of 23 per cent, while Rocky Mountain House experienced a 29 per cent funding drop.

Red Deer Mayor Morris Flewelling, which saw 28 per cent less MSI funds this year, isn't keen on the distribution "but it's a fact of life and we have to move on in these difficult times," he said.

"I think we were given some rationale on why this was going to happen and whether we like it or not, at



ROY BROWN

least it's based on rationale."

But Mayor Ken Graham of Innisfail wonders if the rationale is the problem. The province distributes MSI based on things like kilometres of roads and population and it seems to favour counties.

"We looked at five counties and 10 municipalities ... maybe this is just an anomaly. But maybe it's not," he said.

Municipal affairs minister, Hector Goudreau and MLA Richard Marz don't see what the fuss is about.

Municipalities got more MSI funding than they did in 2009 and with construction costs down this year, towns will be able to do more for less, Goudreau said.

As for gaps between county and town funds – "the fact remains that urban municipalities are not the same as rurals in their responsibilities ... (counties) look after 85-90 per cent of the roads, 80 per cent of bridges and all those things towns don't have to deal with," he said.

Marz agrees and believes perhaps towns are "misunderstanding" the numbers.

"I'd be happy to meet and talk to them about it," he said.

To learn more about funding gaps visit [www.didsburyreview.ca](http://www.didsburyreview.ca)

### Name that love song

### Congratulations to Yvonne Lundeen!

Who has won the Name That Love Song contest & received the \$100 prize

#### Answer Key

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| A. BRANDY – LOOKING GLASS                | M. GTO – RONNY & THE DAYTONAS                           |
| #8. MOUNTAIN VIEW LIQUOR & BEER          | #12. GIL'S TRUCK & AUTO                                 |
| B. GREEN GREEN GRASS OF HOME – TOM JONES | N. COCONUT SONG – HARRY NILLSON OR [JERMIT]             |
| #17. TOWN OF DIDSBURY                    | #7. SILVERFERN MEDICAL CLINIC                           |
| C. BROWN EYED GIRL – VAN MORRISON        | O. DON'T SIT UNDER THE APPLE TREE – THE ANDREWS SISTERS |
| #13. FOR SIGHT VISION CENTRE             | #16. FOR TREES COMPANY LTD.                             |
| D. CLASSICAL GAS – ERIC CLAPTON          | P. TRUE LOVE TRAVELS ON A GRAVEL ROAD – ELVIS PRESLEY   |
| #3. DIDSBURY ESSO                        | #18. TANAS CONCRETE INDUSTRIES                          |
| E. I'D DO ANYTHING FOR LOVE – HEATLOAF   | Q. IT FEELS LIKE HOME TO ME – CHANTEL KREVIASUK         |
| #19. DIDSBURY AG FOODS                   | #4. DREAMWOOD HOMES                                     |
| F. I LOVE A RAINY NIGHT – EDDIE RABBIT   | R. FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY – THE O'JAYS                   |
| #15. DIDSBURY VETERINARY CLINIC          | #20. ATB FINANCIAL                                      |
| G. CUTS LIKE A KNIFE – BRYAN ADAMS       | S. I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU – BEATLES                       |
| #21. CUT 'N LOOSE                        | #6. BALANCE HEARING CENTRE                              |
| H. MAKE IT WITH YOU – BREAD              | T. GOOD VIBRATIONS – BEACH BOYS                         |
| #1. JUST THE BAKERY                      | #14. REVIBE VIBRATION HEALTH & FITNESS                  |
| I. PRETTY WOMAN – ROY ORBISON            | U. COUNTRY ROADS – JOHN DENVER                          |
| #10. POTENTIALS                          | #9. COUNTRY ROAD RV                                     |
| J. RADAR LOVE – GOLDEN EARRING           |   |
| #2. ULLA LA BOUTIQUE                     |   |
| K. HEARTBREAK HOTEL – ELVIS PRESLEY      |   |
| #11. DIDSBURY INN                        |   |
| L. HOOKED ON A FEELING – BJ THOMAS       |   |
| #5. RES Q TOWING                         |   |





# Community Resources

This is a free community event listing service, sponsored by area businesses, provided to non-profit organizations or local community groups. Listing is free to any non-profit organization or community group in the

Didsbury Review distribution area. While every effort will be made to ensure each request for publication is granted, the Didsbury Review does NOT GUARANTEE publication for a variety of reasons including space

constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

**CITIZENS ON PATROL** - Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighbourhood near you. To volunteer call 403-335-8755.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed. in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

**DIDSBURY TOPS** Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Coutts at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835

**BEAVERS** Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

**TIME OUT** Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighborhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 403-335-4270

**KING HIRAM LODGE #21** has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

**ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S.** Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 403-335-4281

**DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES** Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

**DIDSBURY SHUTTLE BUS** Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

**DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE** Supper Meeting - 4th Thursdays. Regular Meeting - 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Call 335-4676 for info.

**LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN.** View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

**DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC** - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Donna at 403-335-8733 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

**HALL RENTALS:** Rosebud Hall rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

**RUGBY HALL RENTALS CALL** Della @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

• **5-0 Club Hall Rentals.** For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Gee 403-335-2861. • To Rent

**Didsbury Elks Hall.** Call Jim Wadel 403-335-3481. • To Rent **St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall**, contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745. • To Rent the **Lone Pine Hall**, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190. • To Rent **Mountain View Community Hall** for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call Sharon 403-335-4288. • The **Fallen Timber Community Hall** offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for info at 403-637-2270.

**DIDSBURY LIFELINE** Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

**DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317** Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Irene



## DEL DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS

### Lunch Combos

# \$4.99

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**COMBO #1**  
2 pieces of chicken,  
wedges and 4 oz. salad

**COMBO #2**  
Small soup and  
Full sandwich

**Large Soup \$2.99**  
**Small Soup \$1.99**

*\*Excludes weekends & holidays*



**ALANON:** For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3762.

**DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP** For friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 403-335-9848, Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

**DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY** monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

**3025 RCACC** Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

**ADULT HALL WALKING** at Westglen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Please wear clean dry shoes. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

**DIDSBURY MUSEUM OPEN** 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed.; Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment: Jim 403-335-0003 or Shirley 403-335-3277

**DIDSBURY & DISTRICT** Community bus. Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

**DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S** meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

**MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS** Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-337-2888.

**PARENT LINK CENTER** Drop in play. FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, bay 2, 2030 17 Ave. Contact Linda 403-586-5466

**IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT** or would like to learn to quilt, come join us at the Church of God 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 403-337-8686 leave message. Everyone welcome.

**BABY DROP IN @** Didsbury Neighbourhood Place from 9:30 to 11:00 on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. A great opportunity to meet other new parents.

**DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE** supper meetings every 2nd and 4th thursdays. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

**SUPPER INVITATION** - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

**DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE** is a resource centre for the down, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

**GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA** - For fun, friendship and adventure for girls and women of all ages! Join anytime. Leaders are needed for all units, no experience necessary. Ages: Sparks 5/6; Brownies 7/8; Guides 9 - 11; Pathfinders 12 - 14; rangers 15 & up. Call Karen 403-556-6881 for more info.

**FRIDAYS - Cribbage** starts at 5-0 Club at 7:00 pm. tfn

**ARC SENIOR RV'ERS CLUB** - is looking for new members. No weekend camping. For more information contact Jim 403-289-8365 or Mary 403-932-5711. tfn

**MIDWAY SCHOOL** - We would like to welcome you to the midway community. We hope to provide you with some local treasures and information about midway. Contact Tanya @ 403-335-8862. tfn

**DIDSBURY MINOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION NIGHTS.** Mon., March 8, 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Multi Purpose Room. Thurs., March 18, 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Didsbury High School. Child must have been born in 2005 or earlier. Call Maxine at 403-335-9472. 7-9

**FREE CAR SEAT INSPECTION CLINIC** Saturday, March 6 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Olds Firehall 4829 - 50 St., Olds (in the back alley bay). Please bring a donation for the Food Bank. 9

## Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

### Anglican Church of Canada

#### St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664

Rector - Bev Bonnie S. Luft

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Mid-week service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian

community who welcomes newcomers.

Sunday School will start back in September.

#### Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue

Minister Nancy Nourse

Please join our church family for worship,

10 a.m. each Sunday,

Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers.

Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.

For information about mid-week programming for

children, youth and adults please call 403-335-8373

or see our website at [www.knox-united.com](http://www.knox-united.com).

#### West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles

Pastor Trevor Kriaka, info - 403-337-2020

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Nursery available during service.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

### Berghal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta

5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,

8km E on Berghal Rd.

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Pastor: Mike Nimz

For more information ph. - 403-335-4451

#### Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA

1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohr

Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3656

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group

Small Group Bible Study meetings

throughout the week

#### Mountain View Evangelical

Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan

Office: 403-335-4422

Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.

For information concerning the weekly activities

please call the Church Office.

### St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury

For more information please contact

Claude Baril 403-335-3842

Catholic Women's League:

Wendy MacKenzie 403-335-8507

Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil 403-335-8611

#### Chinook Winds Christian Centre

1710 - 14th Street Didsbury

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10 a.m.

Dynamic Worship and Bible Teaching

Children's Ministry & Nursery Services

Ph/Fax: 403-335-3551 • Email: [cwc@airnet.com](mailto:cwc@airnet.com)

Senior Pastors: Richard & Beth Kope

Associate Pastors: Corey & Erin Kope

Celebrating 25 years in Didsbury

Members of Ministers Fellowship International

#### Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Corner Hwy. 582 & 20th Ave.

Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: [www.zmc.org](http://www.zmc.org)

Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor

John Reimer, Associate Pastor

(Life Groups & Worship)

Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor

(Global Connections & Youth)

Alison LeFebvre, Director of Youth Ministries

Christine Little, Director of Children's Ministries

Sunday Services

Sunday School for all ages 9:30am

Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

...with Children's Programs for up to Grade 6

## SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

10% TUESDAY  
MARCH 2

## DIDSBURY AG FOODS

Free Delivery on Monday, Wednesday & Friday Only

HOURS: Mon - Fri 8 am - 9 pm Sat, Sun & Holidays 8 am - 6 pm  
Sunday, February 28 to Saturday, March 6 403-335-9595

**SAMBY CHEESECAKE**  
SWEET CRUST, 9" x 9" x 1"

**\$6.99**  
ea.

**PORK SIDE RIBS**  
Fresh, Value Pak, 4.37 kg

**\$1.98**  
lb.

**DEL MONTREAL**  
STYLE CORNED BEEF  
OR PASTRAMI

**\$1.78**  
100 g

**CAMPBELL'S**  
CHUNKY SOUP  
SWEET CRUST, 2.26 kg x 1"

**\$4.98**  
3 FOR

**ROMAINE LETTUCE**  
California Green

**98¢**  
ea.



## DHS hopping during February

KAT GRAVES

The beginning of February returned students to the classroom, after a brief but much needed hiatus, (exams can really wipe a person out, you know). There was much groaning to be had at the prospect of new classes (cough—pure math—cough) and some delight at others, namely, the easier ones. The usual speckling of fresh faces dotting the hall(s) and alas the same old teachers brought us fully into February and another month of school here at DHS.

Jump-starting February was Valentine's Day and to follow suit, a formal dance, most enjoyable for all you lovebirds out there (cheers, T!). After all the romance had been frittered away on chocolate and flowers it was noses back to the grindstone, or so the teachers continue to hope.

A select few of our most dedicated and talented musicians trooped off to "Honour Band" where they tested and

honed their skills and took their abilities to the next level with the help of several esteemed teachers and professional musicians. Students felt it was enriching, educating, but most importantly, it still remained enjoyable. And, as if the media

wasn't doing its best to bombard us with Olympic coverage (and Olympic-length advertisements!) the school decided to join in on the fun.

That's right, for the first time, DHS is hosting its own Olympics! So far, "countries", have competed

in "traditional" sports such as dodge ball and floor hockey and to keep things interesting: sock speed skating (yes, it's exactly what it sounds like) and the cherry on top, hallway luge! There's no need to worry for your children's safety, the hallways were lined with the best sort of padding—students.

That brings to a close the month of February at DHS. I hope you enjoyed reading, look forward to the next column and hopefully along with it the advent of spring!



## Robbers still on lam

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Didsbury's police are asking for the public's help in finding two suspects who held up a convenience store with a screwdriver, last November.

At 3:50 a.m. on Nov. 22, a man brandishing a screwdriver demanded money from the clerk

working at Carstairs Mac's Esso Convenience Store.

A second man joined the robbery when the first suspect confronted the clerk, Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said.

The duo was able to force the employee to hand over cash and several boxes of cigarettes before they fled the store. Police say the two men are about 18 to 25 years

old, 5'9 and Caucasian. One man has blonde hair and wore a black hoodie beneath a green winter coat. The duo may have fled in a grey or white truck that was seen speeding away from the area, minutes after the robbery.

Anyone with information about the theft is asked to contact the Didsbury RCMP at (403)-335-3382.



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Police are asking for the public's help in identifying two men who robbed a convenience store, Nov. 22.

### New in 2010!



### Online Campsite Reservations at

- Red Lodge Provincial Park
- Crimson Lake Provincial Park
- Elkwood Campground
- Lac Des Arcs Campground

Beginning March 8, at 9 am, reserve a campsite at 50 provincial campgrounds!

Reserve.AlbertaParks.ca  
1-877-537-2757

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### Holy Trinity Catholic School Register now for September 2010



Holy Trinity Catholic School, a publicly funded school, will open its doors to children of all faiths in September 2010. **Register now for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 6 classes.**

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# Library staff thrilled with raise

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Tears were shed in the library's boardroom last Monday, as employees heard the town settled on a raise.

Town councillors agreed – unofficially – at a budget meeting to give the library \$21,000 to bring staff wages on par with the province.

It's \$4,000 less than what the library had asked for but it's good enough, said manager, Inez Kosinski.

"When we heard, there were outcries and tears because we were just like ... wow," she said.

"As sappy as it sounds, it's not about the money. This means the town recognizes and respects our service."

The library board went hat in hand to the town last November, asking for more funds to pad reserves, expand customer service and achieve wage parity.

For the last six years the board has been struggling with a bare bones budget and the problem, they said was it listened to the advice of town administration.

They had been told not to ask council for more than the current cost of living allowance, which gave the library an extra three or four per cent in funding each year.

It was not enough and as a result, the library fell behind the wage offerings of other facilities in the Parkland Regional District and was forced to ask for a large increase this year, Kosinski said.

The request was an additional \$25,000 over 2009 or a total \$140,000 appropriation – an amount the councillors weren't sure they could give.

Coun. Bob Davidson, a former library board member, championed the library, along with board chair, Coun. Gail Nowlan.

"It's a bad time to catch up unfortunately, but their wages are way under as it is and I'd hate to see things get worse if we leave it," Davidson said.

"And we don't want to risk services disintegrating because they don't have the staff."

Nowlan said Davidson had it "bang on."

"They were not strong enough to stand up and say what they needed ... now they need (this money) to move forward," Nowlan said.

"Everyone realizes this is a huge chunk all at once, but what can we do?"

Council agreed to give the library a wage hike of \$21,000, which is \$4,000 less than what the library board asked for.

Part of the requested funds called for the dollars to open the building Mondays, which would cost \$4,500 and can be postponed, council said.

Library employees were told the town agreed to a budget increase at their annual general meeting, last Monday and were "pleasantly surprised," Kosinski said.

"They reduced it somewhat, but we can respect that and work within that shortfall," she said.

"We were afraid we'd get a lot less."

Besides boosting staff morale, the funding will help retain staff, while providing the dollars for the library to expand on outreach and programs for children, she said.

As for opening Mondays, it'll happen eventually.

"We will hold off for the time being but we want to expand our hours eventually; it's something we've been talking about for years," Kosinski said.

"Perhaps we'll do some of our own fundraising."

## Public works pumped about system

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

The Morris Meadow pump saga could be at an end this month, as public works prepares to put in a new system.

Charlie Macdonald, public works manager, asked the town for \$20,000 to put in a new pump after he got nine emergency calls over Family Day weekend in February. Commercial grade paper towel had plugged a pump – again – prompting a second to kick in and alert public works to trouble.

The problem was fixed but the risk to residents' homes far from over.

There is always the chance public works may miss the alarm for a plugged pump or both pumps could overheat and break down, causing refuse to quickly build up in Morris Meadows homes, Macdonald said.

"I thought enough is enough. This (new pump) will elim-

inate the darn problem. It's costly, but this was getting to be a concern," he said.

Morris Meadows is no stranger to pump failure – or paper towels.

In July 2009, the town pinned notices to doors of people in the area asking whoever was flushing paper towel to stop. And the person did, for a while.

In December the problem started up again, with four blockages in seven days, then again last month.

The new grinder pump, which will be installed this March, will cut up any paper towel to prevent blockage.

"That (original) pump should never have been there ... and this illustrates a need and concern for enforcing standards for developments so we don't end up with this problem," said Coun. Bob Davidson.

"This would have been less expensive if it had been done at the start."

Another \$20,000 was approved, Feb. 23, for sewer cameras.

## Firehouse News

Well, I guess my fingers must be still crossed because the month of February has yet again been a quiet start for the year. In total we have responded to only six calls in the district of Didsbury. There haven't been any serious incidents beyond the odd medical assist and smoke investigation.

As far as the training nights go, we have been polishing the very basics, making sure everyone is on the same page. Our equipment committee has reorganized all of our truck lockers. They do get disorderly when we go on calls. As for the rest of the team, it's been a matter of keeping the hall clean and prepared for when the next "big one" will come knocking on our door.

For this month's insight, I want to talk about what is involved in a night of training. Many of the guys and girls will show up before our training starts and get caught up with a week's worth of goings-on. Beginning at 7 p.m. everyone sits around the office table with the training officer and he talks about what we will all be doing for the

night. There are a number of activities we can do, from learning about different kinds of knots to tagging a hydrant and running scenarios.

On training night we will also do rig checks. To test the trucks is quite a monotonous task of checking off what's included in each locker, noting down what's missing and looking at the engine and lights for anything that doesn't work. When the trucks are checked to our training officer's satisfaction, he or she will sign off the sheets. If the week has been busy or the trucks have gone out a few times, we'll wash the rigs and restock anything we used.

Training nights are not always enough and so there are other courses we can take to boost our knowledge of what to do at the scene of a fire. Lakeland College in Vermillion has a

phenomenal training program. The course can be broken down into subcategories, so that our department can send our members to other towns to take part in training. It takes two weeks of learning and testing before fire-fighters can get their course certificate.

Our training always kicks in during a call – though sometimes it's wasted. On Feb. 24 we were called after someone smelled a strange odor outside. They thought it was H2S gas, so out went the pumper and rescue to investigate. When we finally arrived on scene (which was very hard to pinpoint) there was no one to be found and only a mild gas smell in the air. The gas company made some adjustments and our members returned to the hall.

People need to be aware

of what they are calling us out for. Calling 911 because you stumbled on a motor vehicle collision is one thing, but to smell gas while you are driving and call it in without checking out the source or to see a plume of smoke without seeing if something is up in flames, is another. It wastes valuable resources and time just to find out the property owner is burning some straw bales.



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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, 2010



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## In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

### Fri. Mar. 5

This year the World Day of Prayer is being held at the Bergthal Mennonite Church starting at 2 p.m. Bergthal Church is located on Bergthal Road east of Hwy. 2. The women of Cameroon have written the program. Everyone welcome.

### Fri. Mar. 5

Cribbage play begins at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. You are most welcome to join in the cards and enjoy the coffee and goodies served and the visiting after the games.

### Sat. Mar. 6

Be sure you get your tickets in advance for the Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Auction sponsored by the Didsbury & District Historical Society being held in the MP Room at the complex starting at 5:30 p.m. They are available at the museum 403-335-9295, from Shirley 403-335-3277 or Jim 403-335-0003.

If you are a soccer player, please note these dates for registration – Mon. Mar. 8 – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the complex; Thurs. Mar. 11 – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the MP Room at the complex; Thurs. Mar. 18 – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. main lobby of the Didsbury High School. Please phone Maxine at 403-335-9472 for all the info.

### Mon. Mar. 8

The annual meeting of the Didsbury Lifeline Society will start at 10 a.m. at the town office. You are welcome to attend.

### Wed. Mar. 10

The potluck dinner at the 5-0 Club will begin at 12:30 p.m. This will have a St. Patrick's Day theme so wear something green and have fun.

### Fri. Mar. 12

The Didsbury & District Community Bus is making a trip to the Bert Church Theatre in Airdrie for the Barra McNeils' concert. The bus will leave the complex at 5 p.m. Please phone Bea at 403-335-3058 to reserve your seat and more info.

### Sat. Mar. 13

The Mothers Unite sale will be held today in the MP Room at the complex. This is a sale of children's clothing, toys, books and furniture. NO ADULT STUFF. Tables are available to rent by phoning Didsbury Neighborhood Place for all the details 403-335-8719.

### Sun. Mar. 14

There will be a Ham Dinner and Silent Auction at Rosebud Hall from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm \$10/ person or \$25/ family. If you would like to donate an item for the auction please contact Colin at 403 335-9296

The annual ice skating carnival of the Didsbury Figure Skating Club will start at 2 p.m. in the Didsbury Arena. The skaters will be showcasing the skills they have learned this winter from their excellent coaches. There is no admission fee. You will enjoy watching the skaters.

You can enjoy a free swim on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre thanks to the many businesses and community organizations who are footing the bill until the end of June.

# Stop cutback: Chamber

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Businesses could bear the brunt of council's cutbacks if the town continues to axe funds to the Chamber of Commerce, the president warns.

Margo Ward, chamber president, pleaded with councillors last week to stop reducing their grant by \$500 each year.

"We depend on it ... we are not a charitable organization so we are not eligible for grants anywhere else," she said.

"If we continue to get less ... we may have to stop some of our programs. And if that happens, it could hurt businesses."

The town has agreed to give the chamber \$4,000 this year, \$1,000 less than what it gave the chamber two years ago.

The funding will continue to shrink by \$500 each year until it reaches zero – then the chamber's on its own.

Roy Brown, chief administrative officer

of Didsbury, says councillors want to wean organizations off taxpayer support.

"There is only so much tax money (council) can put towards supporting various community groups ... and they didn't think it was fair to give money to the same organizations year after year," he said.

**"We depend on it ... we are not a charitable organization so we are not eligible for grants anywhere else."**

**MARGO WARD**  
Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce is one of the organizations that has reached out for financial support annually – and on the list to have funding reduced until it can support itself.

The Chamber wants off that list.

It has only a few sources to draw funds from besides the town grant – membership, fundraising events and affinity programs. And those barely draw in enough dollars, Ward said.

"We aren't desperate yet, but when we start to get to the halfway point with this money ... it will be an issue," she said.

"Some of the programs we are offering, like putting up Christmas lights or bringing in guest speakers, might have to stop."



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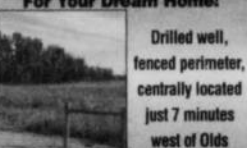
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**1 Valarosa Point**  
Beautiful modified bi-level, 1392 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood, 3 sided gas fireplace, walk-in closet, much more



**\$329,900**

**912 Carriage Lane Place, Carstairs**  
3 bedroom bungalow, 2 baths, hickory laminate floors, maple cabinetry, 3 sided gas fireplace, some basement development started, double detached garage



**\$314,000**

**1901 - 14 Street**  
Wow, beautiful 5 bedroom family home with lots of unique extras, 2+2 sided fireplaces, beautiful kitchen, amazing ensuite shower system, huge lot



**\$399,900**

**2143 - 22 Avenue**  
Well built home in great location, 3+1 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, hardwood, brick exterior, large lot, single garage



**\$289,900**

**2326 - 15 Avenue**  
Nice family home, 2+1 bedrooms, 2 baths, bubble jet tub, beautiful hardwood, single garage, large lot



**\$254,900**

**39 Meadowview Court**  
Let your heart help pay the mortgage! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling, gas fireplace, self contained 2 bedroom basement suite, large double garage, big lot



**\$359,900**

**18 Valarosa Cove**  
Brand new and beautiful over 1600 sq ft, hardwood, gas fireplace, open plan, 9' ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, walk-out basement, and much more!



**\$324,900**

**FRONT PORCH FOCUS**

**Didsbury Minor Soccer is holding their registration nights on March 8th and 18th. Watch for more information.**

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